

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the Application.

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling users to access a computer system, comprising:

authorizing access to a computer system by a user in response to determining authentication of the at least one remote user via local authentication is a non-local user with respect to the computer system, wherein said authorizing access includes successfully verifying that the remote user has an active shared directory account associated with the computer system;

selecting a universal local user account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account,

wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system; and

mapping the remote user to the universal local user account, wherein said mapping enables access to the computer system in accordance with an access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user account.
2. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein selecting the universal local user account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared directory account.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding group membership of the remote user.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and
each one of said universal local user account user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting,
wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

6. (previously cancelled)

7. (previously cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said remote users to the computer system.

9. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling users to access a computer system, comprising:

determining that a user of a computer system is a non-local authenticated status remote user via local authentication with respect to the computer system; and

associating the remote user with a universal local user account after said determining and after determining that the user has an active shared directory account associated with the computer system, wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system and wherein said associating enables access to the computer system in accordance with said access privilege corresponding to the universal local user account.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein

associating the remote user with the universal local user account includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared directory account .

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein said associating includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding access level of a group membership of the remote user.

12. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein:

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and

each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing
said selecting, wherein each one of said universal local user access
accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

14. (previously canceled)

15. (previously amended) The method of claim 13 wherein said user account selection
information includes at least one of directory services group membership information
and access privilege information.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said selecting the universal user
account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to an access
level of a group membership of the remote user.

17. (previously canceled)

18. (previously canceled)

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein several remote users can be
simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous
access by each one of said remote users to the computer system.

20. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

at least one data processing device;

instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and

an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data processing device;

wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

authorizing access to a computer system by a user in response to determining the user is a non-localauthenticated remote user via local authentication with respect to the computer system, wherein said authorizing access includes successfully verifying that the remote user has an active shared directory account associated with the computer system;

selecting a universal local user account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account, wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system; and

mapping the user to the universal local user account, wherein said mapping enables access to the computer system in accordance with an access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user account.

21. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein selecting the universal local user account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared directory account.

22. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding group membership of the remote user.

23. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein:

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and

each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

24. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting,

wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

25. (previously canceled)

26. (previously canceled)

27. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein several remote users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said remote users to the computer system.

28. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

at least one data processing device;

instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and

an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data processing device;

wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

determining that a user of a computer system is a ~~non-local~~
~~authenticated~~ ~~remote~~ ~~status~~ user ~~via~~ local authentication
with respect to the computer system; and

associating the user with a universal local user account after said determining and after determining that the ~~remote~~ user has an active shared directory account associated with the computer system, wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system and wherein said associating enables access to the computer system in accordance with said access privilege corresponding to the universal local user account.

29. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 28 wherein associating the user with the universal local user account includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared directory account.

30. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 28 wherein said associating includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding access level of a group membership of the ~~remote~~ user.

31. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein:

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and
each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

32. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate: creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting, wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

33. (previously canceled)

34. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 32 wherein said user account selection information includes at least one of directory services group membership information and access privilege information.

35. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 32 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to an access level of a group membership of the remote user.

36. (previously canceled)

37. (previously canceled)

38. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 28 wherein several remote users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said remote users to the computer system.